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Application No.: 09/855,480

Group No.: 1724

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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

- The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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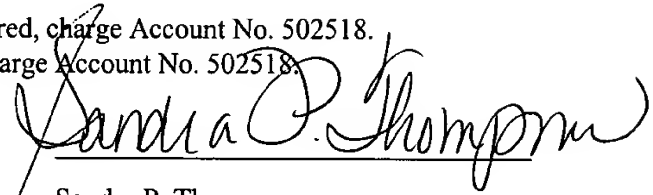
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Response After Final. The 2-month deadline for this Response fell on Saturday, July 26, 2003, and therefore, it is timely filed on Monday, July 28th. A copy of the amended claims are presented herein for the Examiner's immediate reference. The non-amended claims are presented in italics. A copy of the Current Claims according to Revised Amendment Practice is herein attached.

The Applicant herein cancels claim 20-29, as subject to a previous restriction requirement and as requested by the Examiner, and will pursue them later in a divisional application.